GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:333
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
SETTING UP OF EXPERT TEAM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Prime Minister`s Office and Parliament House are not structurally strong to withstand high-intensity earthquake;

(b) if so, whether any expert team has been set up by the Government to suggest remedial measures;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the action likely to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARREDQUESTION NO.333 FOR 20.3.2001 REGARDING SETTI UP OF EXPERT TEAM.

(a) to (d): Rashtrapati Bhawan, South Block (including Prime Minister`s Office) and Parliament House were constructed during 1930`s. It is, therefore, not possible to state that these buildings conform to the current Standards and Codes of earthquake resistance as per the existing Bureau of Indian Standards Codes and Manuals.No serious damages were noticed in these buildings during the last major earthquake in the year 1958 in Delhi. However, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of a Chief Engineer, Central Public Works Department to report on the extent of earthquake resistant measures presently available and additional features that are required to be incorporated for improving the safety.